



WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 15, 1909.

There has always been much to see in Paris, and as the years come and go attractions are multiplied. The sarcophagi of Napoleon has for many years been a place for reverie for the student of history, while the tomb of Abelard and Heloise has been equally as interesting to others. Now, it seems, visitors to the French capital will be afforded the opportunity of gazing upon something more ancient than either. The discovery has been made that Cleopatra, queen of Egypt, lies buried in Paris, a stone's throw from the stock exchange. In vouching for the truth of this revelation, an anonymous writer states that a glass case in the cabinet of medals of the Bibliothèque Nationale is an Egyptian sarcophagus, and Egyptianologists are positive that the inscriptions on it prove it to have contained the body of Cleopatra. The sarcophagus was brought from Egypt to Paris more than 40 years ago by a French savant, who placed it in the National Library. After some months it was found impossible to preserve the mummy which it contained, and the question arose as to what should be done with the remains of the queen of Egypt. It was at last decided to bury her quietly without pomp or publicity in the old bit of garden inclosed by the National Library building, where she was accordingly laid in secret 40 years ago.

OLDFESSMAN HOBSON, it seems, will look upon nothing but Billions, notwithstanding the peace monument stands at the west of the Capitol and is a prominent object in that section of Washington and one which Hobson passes and re-passes daily. In a speech in the House yesterday on the "Philosophy of the Naval Policy of the United States," he again declared that "war is inevitable." The speaker wants this country to build six battleships a year in order to be ready to meet what he regards as an inevitable conflict. He says the United States should have a navy equal to the combined navies of Germany and Japan. If not twenty per cent above that of both those countries, Hobson believes this country will sooner or later cross swords with Japan.

MISS THERESA GARNETT, militant suffragette, was released from prison in London yesterday, after a month's confinement for attempting to horsewhip Winston Spencer Churchill. She says that while in prison she started a hunger strike, and when the jail authorities attempted to feed her by force she set fire to her mattress, which threatened the destruction of the jail. Nemesis and the Furies as well as Xantippe so often used in connection with the acts of determined and infuriated women are destined to be reinforced by English suffragettes who are capable of manifesting as much wrath as the ideal and zeal feminines of classic days.

FIFTY SIX million miles away from the earth, 146,000,000 miles from the sun, and more than three times as large as the earth in diameter—these are the facts which have been determined by Zaccubus Daniel, a graduate student of Princeton University, about the new comet which he discovered on the evening of December 5. A fast ship running night and day might come within cannon shot of the celestial visitor in one hundred and seventy-five years.

From Washington.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, Dec. 15.

After losing both legs while employed by the United States government on the Panama Railroad Alessandro Comba, an Italian workman, has been denied admission to this country as incapable of self support. Comba is attempting to have Congress include his case in the injured government employees compensation act passed a year after the injury to him occurred. Awaiting the decision of Congress, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor Cable today granted Comba permission to remain at the Ellis Island Hospital subject to deportation.

Nicaragua was a subject of general discussion at a meeting of the Senate committee on foreign relations, but no action was taken. Senator Rayner's resolution, to capture Delays and try him for murder will be considered at a future meeting. Senator Cullum, chairman of the committee, said that the situation in Nicaragua was not such as required action at this time.

Owing to the dilatory tactics pursued by the National League managers, the election of a president, which is the only matter of interest connected with the annual meeting in New York, will hardly be reached before late this afternoon.

A special meeting of the Senate committee on judiciary was held today to consider the nomination of Judge Horace H. Lorton, of Tennessee, to be associate justice of the Supreme Court. The committee decided by a unanimous vote to report in favor of his confirmation. Senator Bacon will represent the matter to the Senate tomorrow.

In search of the author of the anti-race track campaign, Mr. O. B. Barrett, who is now in the Senate office building, Ruskett was absent and she entertained the effort for 15 minutes with talk about the matter. She then proceeded to the entrance rotunda where a party of tourists attracted her eye and she was pounced upon by a lecturer. In the middle of her address, when the lecturer was certainly getting the worst of it, the lecturer was quietly escorted away. Not at all put out over being put out, the salon des d'oyers made her way to the Supreme Court chamber in the Capitol but she made no demonstration, and, after a time, silently went away.

Secretary Dickenson announced today the selection of Major General Leonard Wood, now commanding the department of the east, as chief of the staff of the army, succeeding General Bell whose term in that office expires next April. Colonel Walter Howe, of the coast artillery corps, will be made a brigadier general on December 20 on which date Secretary General Egerly is placed on the retired list. Major General Wood is the senior general of the army. It is probable that General Bell, upon the expiration of his staff duty, will take charge of the Philippines succeeding Major General Duvall who will retire in 1911.

New Mexico and Arizona will be granted separate status at this session of Congress, according to Representative Hamilton, chairman of the House committee on territories, with the important reservation that the people of these territories be careful not to contract any constitution like that of Oklahoma. Mr. Hamilton is in charge of the statehood bill and he has introduced a measure in the House that meets with the approval of President Taft.

The state judiciary committee has made a favorable report, providing a system for releasing federal prisoners on probation. It is modeled after the English ticket-of-leave system.

News of the Day.

Steamship officials vigorously deny the truth of the report made to Congress regarding conditions in the storage of veses carrying immigrants.

The Grant-Lee Hall, the main building of the Lincoln University at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., was destroyed by fire last night.

The military appropriation bill has been completed by the House committee on military affairs. The measure carries authorized expenditures approximating \$94,000,000.

Gen. Clement A. Evans, of Atlanta, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, has pledged the support of his organization to the building of a \$2,500,000 George Washington memorial hall in Washington.

Mexico will support the United States in any action it may take in the Nicaraguan situation, according to a note from the Mexican Government laid before the secretary of state yesterday by Senator Enrique Creel, a special emissary from Mexico.

Disclosures made in Judge Cannon's report on civic conditions in Montreal will cause steps to be taken at once to bring to trial the 14 officials and others, including eight aldermen, who are charged with malfeasance. According to Judge Cannon's report, a quarter of the city's income for the last six years, or \$7,200,000, has been feloniously used by the aldermen.

Nearly 2,000 garment workers, representing three of the largest garment-making houses in Baltimore, are out on a strike. The strike was brought about by the installation of the new methods of pressing (the introduction of machines). The women operatives refused to do work in the new way recently instituted. This was followed by a strike of the male employees.

Philip Thompson, 65 years old, a former representative in Congress from Kentucky, was stricken with hemorrhage of the stomach in Washington last night. He is at Emergency Hospital in a serious condition. Dr. William Gerry Morgan, who was called in, said that the ill man has a slight chance for recovery. Later reports are to the effect that Mr. Thompson died today.

In the House yesterday the omnibus pension bill carrying about 500 private pensions was passed. The appropriation bill for the District of Columbia was reported. Representative Payne, of New York, lauded President Taft's stand for economy in public expenditures. Representative Richardson spoke for an hour, urging the appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi river and its tributaries.

Knights of Columbus in all parts of the country are preparing to make a pilgrimage to Rome and to Genoa, the birthplace of Christopher Columbus. They will visit Oberammergau, where they will remain during the performance of "The Passion Play." After the exercises at Genoa the pilgrims will proceed to Rome, where they will be received by a body of American citizens resident in that city. The pope will give an audience two days after the arrival of the pilgrims.

Milda Reinhold was so preoccupied with her own sorrows that in committing suicide at Passaic, N. J., Monday night she thoughtlessly killed her friend, Fanny Kemska, who was quite content with life as she found it. Both girls were servants in a small hotel and shared the same bedroom. Fanny came home Monday night cheerful. Milda had bad news from home, and went to bed weeping, after talking of suicide as the only escape from her trials. Both were found dead in bed yesterday with the gas get wide open.

Actress and Scene Painter Shot.
New York, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Lizzie Shapiro, an actress employed at the People's Theatre on the Bowery, and Max Goldberg, a scene painter there, are in Governor Hospital by fatally wounded, while Joseph Glazsky, whom the police is a Russian count, is under arrest charged with having shot them. The shooting took place today in the doorway 101 Porey street, following a quarrel in which Flatky accused Goldberg who is a married man, of trying to cut him out.

The Arbuckle Pay Up.
New York, Dec. 15.—Arbuckle Brothers, the biggest competitors of the American Sugar Refining Company paid into the United States Treasury today \$595,578.19 in liquidation of back duties following the disclosure of irregularities in the weighing of sugar cargoes on the docks. This is the result of the investigation carried on by special assistant attorneys General Simpson and Davidson and covers the shortage of weights from 1898 to November 1907. The settlement was made voluntarily by the Arbuckle concern.

The record for divorces was broken in the Lynchburg Circuit Court yesterday, when Judge Barkdale signed decrees for eight separations. There are 12 other cases pending on the docket of this court, this being the largest number in the history of the city.

Virginia News.

The Richmond board of aldermen last night concurred in fixing the Battle Abbey site and agreed with the council in directing the condemnation proceedings of the triangular lot at Monument avenue, Franklin and Cleveland streets, Richmond.

Among Governor Swann's visitors yesterday was Sir Herbert Fisher, of the University of Oxford, England, who came to this country for the purpose of studying the negro problem in the south. He is highly indorsed by Ambassador Bryce.

Mrs. Eliza Anne J. Settle, for many years a resident of Reppahannock county, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. William Benson, near Grifton, Montgomery county, Md. She was eighty-seven years of age. She was the widow of John A. Settle, of Virginia.

Frederick A. Ware, of New York, and A. D. Dabney, of Charlottesville, attorneys for John Armstrong Ochsener in the suit instituted by him to prove his sanity in the New York courts and to recover control of his New York property, were in Richmond yesterday taking depositions in the case.

Dr. Charles W. Kent having decided not to stand for re-nomination at the expiration of his term of office as a member of the State Board of Education, Dr. James M. Page was nominated by the voters and visitors of the University of Virginia to the general assembly for election to membership upon the board. The resignation of Dr. Carl Ridge Meloy, adjunct professor of pathology, has been accepted with regret.

The board of aldermen of Lynchburg last night concurred in the action of common council appropriating \$200,000 from the proceeds of the recent \$400,000 bond issue for a high school and three public school buildings in the city. Work will begin on them as soon as the weather permits. In addition there will be built a new market house with auditorium attached to cost \$55,000, a new city hospital, to cost \$25,000, and \$115,000 will be spent on streets and sewers.

"We, the jury, find the prisoner not guilty." This was the verdict in the case of James Conway on trial for the murder of Robert E. Torrence, who was shot and killed by Conway on the afternoon of October 16, in front of Conway's saloon in Richmond. The trouble between the men arose over the alleged relations between Conway and the wife of Torrence, which, on the witness stand, she admitted. Torrence called Conway to the door of his saloon and slapped him in the face. Conway shot Torrence with a pistol which he had concealed in a hip pocket.

Charged with perjury in procuring a marriage license, Arthur James Mason, of south Norfolk, yesterday was committed to jail to await trial. Mason was one of several rivals for the hand of Miss Mary Wallace, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Wallace. He applied for a license to marry her, and in doing so swore that she was 22. One of his rivals heard of it and informed the young girl's parents. Mason's arrest followed. The parents later wanted to withdraw the charge, but the justice before whom he was arraigned refused. Miss Wallace said she "never promised to marry him, anyway."

Football and its continuance as a branch of sport at the University of Virginia was the subject of consideration yesterday by President Alderman and the board of visitors. They were unanimously of the opinion that fundamental changes in the character of the game must be made, eliminating excessive danger to life and limb, the game must be abandoned. There was also unanimous feeling that there was an urgent necessity in college life for some virile, manly sport such as football. President Alderman and the delegates from Virginia at the meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association will demand vigorously that fundamental changes be made.

While three of the five members of the Cunningham investigating committee reported to the Richmond board of aldermen last night that Collector Cunningham deserved to be removed from office, the committee as a whole made no recommendation. Its report with the accompanying papers was recommended by the board, with instructions to the committee to report by a proper ordinance or resolution, which might either be accepted or rejected. The entire committee signed a statement of the facts adduced from the evidence, to the effect that the collector did not report license taxes due in June until the following August; that he had admitted having held back \$2,000 from April to September, and that he cashed time checks for certain friends out of public funds.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The privileges of the floor of the House of Representatives were yesterday accorded to Mr. T. P. O'Connor, the Irish Nationalist leader, who visited the Capitol, accompanied by Mr. Thos. F. Walsh, and was formally introduced to Speaker Cannon.

Mrs. Josephine Timberlake, wife of Mr. Wm. D. Timberlake, died yesterday of paralysis at Montana Hall, near Whitepost, Clarke county, the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Conrad. Mrs. Timberlake was 81 years old and spent her life in Clarke. She leaves a husband, one daughter and three stepchildren.

At Fredericksburg yesterday ground was broken for the State Normal School, ordered by the last legislature. State school officials delivered addresses at the exercises which followed the cornerstones laying. Mr. O'Connor Goolrick, who, as legislator, worked hard to get the school for Fredericksburg, was presented with a silver loving cup.

A bill providing for a Central National Bank of America, to be established at Washington, with branches in various large cities, was introduced in the House yesterday by Mr. Forney, of New York. The bank is to have a capital of \$100,000,000, three-fifths of which is to be subscribed for by the U. S. Treasury, through an issue of fifty-year gold bonds. The remaining two-fifths is to be offered to the various national banks of the country.

Battle in Progress.
New Orleans, La., Dec. 15.—Advice from Colon today declared the long-expected battle about Roma is now taking place between the forces of Estrada and government troops, under General Vasquez.

The Market.
Georgetown, D. C. Dec. 15, Wheat 107-117

Today's Telegraphic News

Frighful Railroad Accident.
Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 15.—Twenty persons are reported to have been killed and probably forty injured when passenger train No. 11, on the Southern Railway, speeding south at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour, jumped from a trestle 25 feet high and landed in Reedy Creek, a few miles north of Greensboro, early this morning.

The wreck was one of the most frightful that ever occurred in the history of the Southern Railway. Without the slightest warning several cars of the train plunged from the bridge to the bottom of the creek below. There was a crash followed by the muffled moans of the surviving injured as they fought for life amid the twisted and torn wreckage. The dead and injured were buried in three feet of water.

Following are among those reported killed, as wired to the Southern Railway officers in Washington.

John A. Broadnax, Greensboro, N. C.; V. E. Halcumb, a lawyer, of Mt. Airy, N. C.; Edward Sexton, Denton, N. C.; Frank W. Kilby, formerly of Portsmouth, Va.; A. P. Cone, superintendent of the Richmond division of the Southern Railway; D. C. Nolan, Pullman, conductor; O. H. White, traveling auditor; flagman, name unknown.

[Mr. Cone was assistant superintendent under Mr. E. E. Lake before Mr. G. V. Peyton became superintendent.] News of the wreck was taken to Greensboro, where a corps of physicians and nurses was organized and dispatched to the scene on a special train.

George J. Gould, the New York millionaire, Jay Gould and one of his sons, were passengers, but they were not injured, according to messages received here. They were traveling in the only sleeper on the train.

The hero of the day was Conductor George Cable, who was among those precipitated into the creek. Notwithstanding a broken leg, he crawled two miles to the nearest telegraph station, where he gave the word, resulting in the ordering of the relief train.

As soon as the surgeons and nurses and wrecking crew had rescued the injured passengers, the special train was started back to Greensboro with both dead and injured. The latter were taken to St. Leo's Hospital.

Among the reported dead are the engineer and fireman of the wrecked train. They were the first to go down and the passenger coaches piled down and upon them in a crash that left them no chance for their lives. The pilot of the engine stuck fast in the mud and the following coaches and sleeper had the effect of a driving hammer, pushing the big steel structure fully twenty feet under ground. The wrecking crew is busy at work up to their waists in water digging for dead who may be buried under the mud. On account of the fact that a number of the passengers may thus be buried, no exact estimate of the dead could be made.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Vice-President Ackert of the Southern Railway made the following statement this afternoon regarding the wreck in North Carolina:

"Our passenger train No. 11, which is operated locally between Richmond, Va., and Atlanta, Ga., and carried sleepers from Richmond to Charlotte, and from Norfolk to Charlotte, was derailed about six o'clock this morning about eleven miles north of Greensboro, N. C. As far as can be ascertained at this time the cause of the accident was a broken rail due to a concealed defect. Two coaches and two sleepers turned over. The engine, mail and baggage cars did not leave the track. Eight persons, four of whom were passengers, are reported killed, and a number of other hurt, but not seriously."

"Mr. George Gould and his son were in the Norfolk sleeper. Neither of them were injured."

Wets vs. Drys.

Boston, Dec. 15.—"Wets" and "Drys," according to today's summaries, broke nearly even in a dozen Massachusetts municipal elections yesterday. Worcester, hitherto the biggest prohibition city in the world, went wet and Salem reversed the result, going dry by a small majority.

Slam elicited as Mayor Arthur Howland a six-weeks' voter, who is under indictment for libel and who may be forced to govern the city from a cell. In the twenty-nine cities which have held their elections this year five have changed from no license to license to two the other way.

Leopold's Condition.
Brussels, Dec. 15.—While King Leopold showed continued improvement today from the operation for an intestinal obstruction, it is semi-officially stated that the improvement can be no more than temporary, as the doctors found a paralysis of the intestines, which will eventually necessitate another operation.

At the king's strength increases, his old time cynicism and scornful attitude return.

The condition of King Leopold took a marked change for the worse early this afternoon. Doctors Thirlard, Silemon and Delage are in consultation.

New York Stock Market.
New York, Dec. 15.—After the first few minutes heavy sales of Reading caused a decline of a point, adding to the general down. Low's Church recovered slightly and Southern Railway became strong. A decided improvement on the market tone was in evidence at mid-day.

DIED.

At her home, 717 Ninth street, N. W., Washington, D. C., December 13, 1909, MARY W. YOUNG, beloved wife of George A. Young, Funeral Thursday, December 16, at 10 a. m., from St. Patrick's Church, Washington. Relatives and friends invited.

Tuesday, December 14, 1909, at 5:30 p. m., WILLIAM F. WOODS, beloved husband of Mrs. Mary F. Woods, aged 60 years. Funeral Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

IN MEMORIAM.
In memory of my beloved son, WILLIAM D. ZIMMERMAN, who departed this life December 15, 1909—six years ago today.

Oh for a look on that sweet face,
For a touch of that vanished hand;
A sound of that voice we loved so well,
That's now in the promised land.

Six years have passed, but still I miss him,
Friends may think the wound has healed;
But they little know the sorrow
That lies within our hearts concealed.

By His FATHER AND MOTHER.

If you want to see what foot-wear is, see the test the Regal shoe is put to in Marshall's window tonight, between 7 and 8 o'clock.

City Council.

The City Council was in session an hour last night. About an average volume of business was transacted, but it was mostly of a general nature.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Six Aldermen were present, and, as is generally the case, the business transacted did not precipitate discussion, and most of what was said was in a conversational manner, or explanatory of the papers presented.

The report of the committees on finance and streets recommending an appropriation of \$3,000 for the improvement of Washington street from Wythe to Montgomery, received from the Common Council at the last meeting, was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Marbury, Ballenger, Field, Fitzgerald and Mr. President—5, No, Mr. Brill—1.

Mr. Field, from the committee on general laws, submitted a report recommending an appropriation of \$60 to defray the expenses of representatives of the city at the conference for municipal reform of Virginia cities and providing for the appointment of the Mayor, the presidents of the two boards and one member from each body, was adopted. President Corbin appointed Mr. Ballinger from the Aldermen.

Mr. Field also presented an ordinance making it unlawful for any one to use for any stabling purposes any building on King or Washington streets, or within 30 feet of either thoroughfare, which was adopted.

An ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles, bicycles, etc., in the street of this city was also submitted by Mr. Field and adopted.

After the Aldermen had concurred in the action of the Common Council on all papers sent in the board adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Council was called to order at 8 o'clock with twelve members present.

The finance committee recommended that \$300 be appropriated for the Light Infantry and this was adopted. That company recently asked for an appropriation of \$300 and an annual appropriation of \$800.

The same committee recommended the payment of bills caused by the occurrence of smallpox and the quarantine of such cases, the bills amounting to \$762.92 and extending from February 1 to November 1, 1909. The bills had been presented to the finance committee by the health officer, Dr. Gorman, and had not before been presented to Council.

The items are for supplies, \$260.42; guards, \$297.50; disinfection, \$80; medical attendance, \$125. The committee in making its report stated that they were strongly opposed to recommending such measures, but in view of the fact that the bills had been long standing hoped the council would pass upon them at this meeting.

Mr. Burke explained the need of action on these bills and Mr. Smith asked some questions about the bills and the chair called attention to the resolution of Council that no more money be appropriated for these cases.

Some discussion followed during which the chair and Messrs. Leadbeater and Smith expressed themselves as opposed to a continuance of the present chaotic conditions in the care of the city's health.

Mr. Usher said that a resolution of the City Council declaring that no more money be spent for smallpox cases could not repeal a city ordinance and that the health officer had acted under such ordinance.

Mr. Burke stated that the Council had authorized the health officer to do the best he could until some ordinance was passed governing the matter.

Mr. Usher stated that the only way to solve the matter was to repeal the laws on the subject. Otherwise, he said, the state authorities would step in should the city authorities fail to take cognizance of the existence of such contagious diseases.

The chair called attention to the fact that the bills had never before been before Council and that twelve votes would be required to pass them at this meeting. He said the committee of council had not time to ascertain the ability of those who had been guaranteed to pay their own expenses and declared that under the state law the expenses of only the indigent should be paid out of the city treasury—this the Court of Appeals had held; there was nothing before the Council to show that all classes had not been included in the expense account submitted.

Messrs. Burke and Usher contended that the state law governed the situation and that the bills should be paid.

Mr. Smith said such matters had bothered him ever since he had been in Council and he thought it time that some law on the subject had been passed. He said the committee of which he was chairman had prepared a health law governing such matters which had been passed by Council, but vetoed by the mayor.

Mr. Leadbeater thought that the mayor's veto was unfortunate.

On motion of Mr. Brill the matter was recommitted.

Mr. Burke asked that certain extracts from the journal be read in order to show the position of the health officer in the smallpox cases and this was done.

The sum of \$25 was appropriated for window shades for the windows on the south front of the alms house.

The Alexandria Water Company presented a bill for \$254.49 for water used in mixing 5,099.2 cubic yards of concrete at 5 cents per cubic yard.

Mr. Leadbeater stated that the city engineer thought the charge for the water used was the excess of the charge for the water used for sprinkling the streets and the matter was referred to the committee on streets.

The finance, light, and general laws committees reported adversely on a petition for installing incandescent lights in the city market and its report was adopted.

The City School Board asked \$500 for putting water closets in Washington school building and \$600 for improving the grounds around Lee school building.

Mr. Burke said the School Board wished this acted on at once. He said the appropriation for the Washington school water closets might be made now so that the work could be done during the holidays and the appropriation for the Lee school yard could go over.

That chamber nothing could be done at present.

The matter was referred to the finance committee.

The auditor notified Council that the appropriation for the repair of streets was exhausted; this was referred.

A request from the fire warden for \$1,000 for the purchase of fire hose, was referred to the public property and finance committees. It was decided that when Council adjourns it be to meet on the second Tuesday in January.

Mr. Usher, as required by law, presented the report of the clerk of gas for the six months ending December 1.

This showed an increase of 296,900 cubic feet of gas over the amount sold during the corresponding 6 months of 1908; and an increase in the gross revenues of the works of \$385.97.

The report was received.

Mr. Smith offered a resolution instructing the corporation attorney to take such action before the State Corporation Commission as may be necessary to have the fare between this city and Washington lowered. This was referred to the committee on general laws.

The resolution set forth that the present fare is excessive, and directs the corporation attorney to take necessary steps to compel the railway company to appear before the State Corporation Commission, and for the matter to be taken up with the Washington and through the Interstate Commerce Commission, and that our representative in Congress and the District commissioners be requested to urge the necessity of same.

An ordinance making it unlawful to operate a motor vehicle, of any description, at a greater speed than twelve miles an hour and four miles an hour at street corners, and providing a fine of from \$5 to \$25, which had been passed by the Board of Aldermen, was read.

The chair thought that a speed of 12 miles an hour was dangerous.

Mr. Leadbeater thought that the speed was regulated by the state law but suggested that the ordinance lay over till the next meeting and this was done.

The general laws committee recommended that the mayor and the presidents of both boards of council, together with one member from each board, be designated by the respective presidents, attend the meeting of the Association of Virginia Municipalities, to be held in Richmond January 6 and 7 next, and that \$60 be appropriated to defray their expenses. The matter had been passed by the Aldermen and their action was concurred in, the chairman voting no.

The chairman designated Councilman Smith to act for Common Council.

An ordinance making it unlawful to keep a livery stable on King or Washington street was passed unanimously. The ordinance provides a fine of from \$0 to \$25 for each offense.

Mr. Evans called attention to the unnecessary ringing of fire bells.

The board then adjourned till the second Tuesday in January.

Official.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held December 14, 1909, there were present: J. B. N. Curtis, esq., President, and Messrs. Brill, Marbury, Ballenger, Field and Fitzgerald.

A report of the Finance Committee recommending an appropriation of \$3,000 for a twenty foot roadway on Washington street from Wythe to Montgomery, received from the Common Council, December 13, 1909, was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Marbury, Ballenger, Field, Fitzgerald and Mr. President—5, No, Mr. Brill—1.

A report of the Committee on General Laws recommending an appropriation of \$60 for the purchase of a horse, was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Marbury, Ballenger, Field, Fitzgerald and Mr. President—5, No, Mr. Brill—1.

A report of the Committee on General Laws recommending an appropriation of \$300 for the purchase of a horse, was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Marbury, Ballenger, Field, Fitzgerald and Mr. President—5, No, Mr. Brill—1.

An ordinance to regulate the running of automobiles, locomotives and other vehicles and conveyances whose motive power is other than animals, and motor bicycles and tri-cycles along or over any street or alley in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, was read three times and passed by a vote of ayes 5, noes none.

The following were read from the Common Council and their action concurred in by unanimous votes:

Resolution appropriating \$35 for certain for the south window of the alms house.

Report of the Committee on Finance recommending an appropriation of \$300 for the use of the Alexandria Light Infantry.

Bill of the Alexandria Water Company, \$254.49, for water furnished at certain times while street improvements were in progress.

Bills amounting to \$762.92 for supplies to smallpox patients and medical attention.